

**In The Claims**

Please amend claim 35 without prejudice, and add new claims 36-38 as follows:

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35. (Amended) The pallet according to claim 31, wherein scuffing further includes scuffing [at least one] the inner surface of the first deck [and the second deck] in the fork-receiving region [regions].

36. (New) A pallet having at least one deck member, the pallet prepared by a method comprising:

providing the at least one deck member having a first surface and a second surface; and

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mechanically scuffing at least one of the first and second surfaces of the deck member to define a slip-resistant surface thereon.

37. (New) The pallet of claim 36, wherein scuffing includes scuffing the at least one surface to create a multi-directional scuffing pattern.

38. (New) The pallet of claim 36, wherein scuffing includes brushing the at least one surface with at least one wire brush.

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**Remarks**

Claims 22-38 are pending in this application. Claim 35 has been amended without prejudice, and new claims 36-38 have been added. The Examiner's review of the application is appreciated, and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

**Rejection of claim 35  
under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1**

The Examiner has rejected claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112(1). Applicants have amended claim 35 and believe the rejection has been overcome.